

## Rainforest scorpion - Hormurus sp. Care guide



Rainforest scorpions (Hormurus sp.) are a genus of scorpions found throughout rainforests in qld and nsw, there are 2 species that are except to this however, Hormurus sp “red” is found in central semi-arid qld and lives in a small burrow, and Hormurus litodactylus from cave systems in the NT. Hormurus sp. Generally live in cracks in pieces of wood or rock, and have evolved a flattened morphology to suit their lifestyle. They have very large, flattish claws that can be used to jam themselves in their crevices and form a shield, this is quite useful against centipedes, the main predator of these scorpions.

Hormurus scorpions are very docile and rarely, if ever, choose to sting, and make a great choice for handling, one issue is getting them off you when you're done, as they can be stubborn and have a very tight grip!

#### Water:

Mist spray the enclosure lightly once every 2 days to keep it moist, but not wet. The scorpions will drink from the substrate if thirsty

#### Food:

crickets 1/3rd of the length of you're scorpion are ideal, they should be fed once a week in the warmer months and once every 2-3weeks in the cooler months, if keeping communally, make sure there is always a cricket or 2 roaming the enclosure to suppress cannibalism

#### Enclosure:

An enclosure around 20x20x20 can house 2-3 individuals as long as there is more than one hide. Pieces of bark with lots of crevices make ideal hides.

#### Temperature:

This species does best at 20-26 degrees, but will tolerate warmer or cooler temperatures for a short time and become more inactive.

#### Humidity

70-98%